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President:	Mr. Owada	(Japan)
Members:	Chile	Mr. Somavía
	China	Mr. Wang Xuexian
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz
	Egypt	Mr. Elaraby
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Guinea-Bissau	Mr. Cabral
	Kenya	Mr. Rana
	Poland	Mr. Matuszewski
	Portugal	Mr. Monteiro
	Republic of Korea	Mr. Choi
	Russian Federation	Mr. Gatilov
	Sweden	Mr. Osvald
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Richmond
	United States of America	Mr. Wood

Agenda

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1997/47)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.40 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Georgia, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Chkheidze (Georgia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia, document S/1997/47.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1997/93, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the Members of the Council to the following other documents: S/1997/57, letter dated 21 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the text of the provisions of the final document of the December 1996 Lisbon Summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe which pertain to the situation in Georgia; and S/1997/75, letter dated 24 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a copy of the letter dated 20 January 1997 from the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Abkhazia addressed to the Secretary-General.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1997/93) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Chile, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Kenya, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1096 (1997).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3:45 p.m.